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#### ABSTRACT

The study investigated short-term effects of a cognitive education program (the Instrumental Enrichment program) on school-related behaviors of 197 mildly retarded, emotionally handicapped, and learning-disabled students, compared to 127 controls. Hypotheses were that Instrumental Enrichment (IE) students would show improvement in cognitive functioning and class/school behavior, while non-IE students would not; that 2-year subjects would show greater improvement on both functioning and behavior than 1-year subjects; and that mentally handicapped students would improve more than the other two groups. It was not possible to demonstrate that a significant effect resulted from IE training, as neither seventh-grade nor eighth-grade subjects showed an increase in academic performance or reduced absenteeism or behavior problems. The only statistically significant differences were found for schools attended, educational exceptionality, and race. The report summarizes and evaluates the project's first year activities and second year activities and offers a final report. Appendices contain summary statistics for study measures by levels of treatment condition, educational exceptionality category, sex, race, and school. (JDD)

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### FINAL REPORT

Field Initiated Research: A Field Based Study of the Effects of an Educational Program on School Adjustment of Mildly Handicapped Secondary School Students

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#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this study was to investigate short-term and long-term effects of a cognitive education program on school-related behaviors of mildly retarded, emotionally handicapped, and learning disabled students. Although the original project was written for a five year period, it was funded for 27 months. As a result of the 27 month grant period, this final report will present short term effects for the two years of the project. The effects of a specific cognitive education program, Instrumental Enrichment developed by Reuven Feuerstein (1979), were measured. Students participated in the IE Program during middle school (seventh and eighth grades). IE Program effects on cognitive functioning and school/class behavior during and immediately following participation and its effects on school adjustment during the first two years of high school (ninth and tenth grade) were determined.

# Significance and Rationale

# Instrumental Enrichment

Description of Instrumental Enrichment. Instrumental Enrichment (IE) is a content-free curriculum, designed to correct deficient cognitive functions of "retarded school performers" by providing them the prerequisites for learning. It is intended as an intervention which elicits and helps to organize thought processes for (and with) the older elementary school child and adolescent in, primarily, a group



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setting. It is strongly anchored in a belief in cognitive modifiability -- i.e., the human organism is an open system, capable of change throughout the life span. IE assumes that failure to learn is not due to lack of innate ability, but rather to lack of sufficient experiences in fundamental, specifically defined thinking skills.

There are six subgoals which guide the construction of the exercises used and the application of the program. These include: (a) the correction of the deficient cognitive functions; (b) the acquisition of the basic concepts, labels, operations and relationships needed for mastery of cognitive tasks; (c) the production of intrinsic motivation through formation of appropriate habits; (d) the production of reflective, insightful, and introspective processes in the disadvantaged individual; (e) the creation of task-intrinsic motivation — i.e., the enjoyment of a task for its own meaning as well as its social meaning; and (f) the development of attitudes in the learner which result in self-perception of self as a possible generator of information in addition to a user of information.

The "instruments" of the Instrumental Enrichment program consist of units, a series of paper and pencil tasks, each unit emphasizing a particular cognitive function. Each instrument, however, deals with a number of cognitive deficiencies and is aimed at contributing to all of the subgoals. The 500-plus pages of paper-and-pencil exercises are divided into fifteen "instruments" or units, fourteen of which are used regularly in the program. The curriculum



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provides sufficient materials for a one hour session, three to five days a week, over a two to three year period.

The IE curriculum was chosen as an intervention to be studied for several reasons: (1) its assumption of cognitive modifiability; (2) its content-free curriculum which allows for application of the learning strategies to content areas; (3) its appropriateness for the age of the target population; (4) its delivery design which allows for improving the cognitive functioning of students identified as slow learners, educable mentally retarded, emotionally handicapped, and learning disabled.

## Research Design:

To assess short-term effects of the IE intervention, a pre-test/post-test design was utilized. All students participating in the IE Program and those not participating were administered two instruments to assess cognitive : functioning at the beginning of their first year of IE Program participation. Seventh grade students were administered he same instruments at the end of their second year of participation. Eighth grade students were administered the same instruments at the end of their one year of participation. To assess school behavior, three non-Project teachers of each subject (during the previous school year) rated student behaviors at the beginning of the first year of program implementation. Seventh grade subjects were rated by three non-Project teachers at the end of the second year of program implementation. Eighth grade subjects were rated by three non-Project teachers at the end of the one



year of participation: ANOVA was utilized for the analysis of the data.

Hypotheses. The hypotheses for short-term effects are the following:

- 1. IE participants show improvement in cognitive functioning while non-IE students show no improvement.
- 2. IE participants show improved class/school behavior while non-IE participants do not.
- 3. Two year subjects show greater improvement on both cognitive functioning and behavior than one year students.
- 4. EMH students improve more than the other two groups in both cognitive functioning and behavior.
- 5. Subjects in consultation and part-time placements across all categories make more progress in both cognitive functioning and behavior than do full time subjects.



Summary and Evaluation of First Year Activities
(Interim Report)

1984-85



# Evaluation of Instrumental Enrichment Program

The Instrumental Enrichment (IE) program was implemented in the 1984-85 academic school year in selected schools of the Wake County Public School System (WCPSS). Seventh and eighth grade students receiving instruction in a special education class for one or more academic subjects participated in the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Instrumental Enrichment program. Students were randomly assigned to either a treatment or control condition. The treatment condition provided students with IE training in addition to instruction in other academic and supporting classes while students in the control condition received instruction according to a normal special education class schedule.

The evaluation study design provided for the collection of several types of baseline data including intellectual aptitude measures, behavioral ratings, course grades, and demographic variables from each student participating in the study. At the end of the first year, data collection involved the retesting of participating eighth grade students with one of the intellectual aptitude measures and the collection of end of year course grades. This purpose of this report is to provide a description of the students participating in the study using the baseline data and to also assess the effect of the first year of Instrumental Enrichment training on eighth grade student intellectual and school performance.

Data was available for a total of 324 students, 181 seventh graders and 143 eighth graders. Students were randomly assigned to IE treatment and control conditions within participating



schools. The numbers of students within each area of exceptionality for the two grades by treatment condition are listed below in Table 1.

Table 1 - Frequency of Exceptionality by Treatment Condition

Grade 7 Exceptionality

Control	EH n 6	욯 8•4	EMH n % 5 7.0		ֆ 84.5	Total 71
Treatment	8	7.3	19 17.3	83	75.4	110
Total	14	7.7	24 13.3	143	79.0	181

Grade 8 Exceptionality

	EH		ЕМН	LD		
Control	n 4	ફ 7•1	n % 20 35.7	n 32	% 57.1	Total 56
Treatment	10	11.5	25 28.7	52	59.8	87
Total	14	9.8	45 31.5	84	58.7	143

As can be noted, the largest group of special education students participating in this evaluation research was categorized as LD or learning disabled and the next largest group of students were educable mentally handicapped (EMH) while the smallest group at less than 10 percent was the Emotionally Handicapped (EH). A comparison of proportions of students with each handicap within the two conditions at the two grade levels showed roughly the same proportion of control and treatment subjects within each exceptionality category thus providing evidence of the effectiveness of the assignment procedure. A comparison of condition by race showed roughly comparable percentages of blacks in the control and treatment conditions with blacks comprising 51



and 65 percents of the seventh and eighth grade samples, respectively. An analysis of the sex of the subjects by grades revealed males to outnumber females by about a 2:1 ratio and that roughly the same proportions of male and female students existed in the treatment and control conditions. The numbers of students in each of the race and sex categorizations are summarized below in Table 2.

Table 2 - Frequency of Students in Conditions by Sex and Race

Grade 7 Sex					Grade 8 Sex					
Condition Control	n	male % 35.2		.e % 64.8	Total n 71	Fem n 20	ale % 35.7		e % 64.3	Total n 56
IE	33	30.0	77	70.0	110	31	35.6	56	64.4	87
Total	58·	32.0	123	68.0	181	51	35.7	92	64.3	143

Table 3 - Frequency of Student Exceptionality by Sex and Race

Grade 7

Sex						Race				
Except	Fe	male	Ma	ale	Total	Bla	ıck	Wh:	ite	Total
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EH	5	35.7	9	64.3	14	11	78.6	3	21.4	14
EMH	10	41.7	14	58.3	24	17	70.8	7	29.9	24
LD	43	30.1	100	69.9	143	65	45.8	77	54.2	142
Total	58	32.0	123	68.0	181	93	51.7	87	49.3	180

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EH	3	21.4	11	78.6	14	8	57.1	6	42.9	14	
ЕМН	26	57.8	19	42.2	45	37	82.2	8	17.8	45	
LD	22	26.2	62	73.8	84	48	57.1	36	42.9	84	
Total	51	35.7	92	64.3	139	93	65.0	50	35.0	143	

Table 4 - Frequency of Students by Race and Sex for Grades 7 - 8

Grade 7 Sex						Grade 8 Sex				
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Race	n	ક	n	ક	total	n	8	n	ક	Total
Black	29	31.2	64	68.8	93	37	39.8	56	60.2	93
White	28	32.2	59	67.8	87	14	28.0	36	72.0	50
Total	57	31.7	123	68.3	180	5 ±	35.7	92	64.3	143

While the random assignment of students to conditions resulted in a balance of educational exceptionality within treatments, such was not the case for the relationship of exceptionality and the demographic variables of Sex and Race of the students. As can be seen from Tables 3 and 4, males were more frequently represented in each of the educational exceptionality categories at the seventh grade level and for two of the educational exceptionality categories at the eighth grade level; the EMH category had more females than males. An inspection of the race by area of exceptionality categorizations for the two grade levels revealed differential patterns of frequencies at the two grade levels. At the seventh grade level, white students were predominant in the LD category while blacks were relatively more frequent in the other educational exceptionality categories.



Blacks represented over half of students in the three educational exceptionality categories at the eighth grade level with a 4:3 ratio for both EH and LD categories but a 5:1 ratio for EMH students.

The data collection procedures for this study called for the collection of behavioral measures of students on a pre-basis with teachers providing ratings of students to the 19 scales of the Burks' Behavior Rating Scales form. These data were analyzed to provide a descriptive basis for interpreting improvement demonstrated by the students receiving the IE instruction. particular interest were differences in ratings provided by the teachers to students with different demographic characteristics identified in this study. Analyses of variance were conducted on the 19 scales using the treatment variable of IE versus control condition and the demographic variables of educational exceptionality, sex and race within grade level. Each scale value was subjected to three different analyses. The first only considered treatment condition and school while the other two included treatment condition and educational exceptionality along with either sex or race as the third variable in a three way design. Since differences among schools were likely am artifact of the adminstrative assignment of students needing special education instruction, the scales associated with a significant school effect will not be discussed in this report. However, the significant effects associated with the treatment condition and the demographic classification variables of education exceptionality, sex, and race are presented along with level means by grade in Table 5. The entire summary listing of scale means by the



design variables is provided in the Appendix of this report.

Table 5 - ANOVA Summary of Significant Burks' Scales

Grade 7

	Exceptiona	ality Effe	ct	Means
Measure	F Value	p< •	EH	EMH LD
Burk 11 Burk 12 Burk 15 Burk 17 Burk 18	4.26 5.36 4.38	•01 •05	12.28 7 12.00 10 12.00 8 13.28 9	.62 10.10 .09 8.12
	Sex 1	Effect		Means
Measure	F Value	p< •	Femal	e Male
Burk 9 Burk 10 Burk 16 Burk 17		.01 .01 .05 .01	9.91 8.54	7.61 13.05 10.53 8.33 10.76 12.87
	Race	Effect		Means
Measure	F Value	p<	Black	White
Burk 11 Burk 15	4.56 9.38 8.30 9.76 7.75	.05 .01 .01 .01	10.11 9.30 11.05	9.10 8.83 7.42 8.65 7.15
	Treatment * Rad	ce Effect	Mean	s
Measure	F Value	p<	B-IE B-C	W-IE W-C
Burk 2			6.91 6.93	28.69 6.28
	Grade	8		
	Treatment	Condition		Means
Measure	F Value	p<	С	IE
Burk 4 Burk 13 Burk 17	4.12 9.33 7.13	.05 .01 .01	7.60 5.79 8.45	8.63 7.03 10.56



### Table 5 Continued

#### Grade 8

	Sex	Effect		Means
Measure	F Value	p< •	Femal	e Male
Burk 7	4.68	.05	6.42	7.44
Burk 9	6.98	•01	11.16	13.66
Burk 10	11.26	.01	8.52	
Burk 11	7.59	.01	7.30	
Burk 17	8.20	.01	7.96	
Burk 18	4.02	.05	7.20	
	Race	Effect		Means
Measure	F Value	p<	Black	White
Burk 2	4.18	.05	6.67	7.79
	Race * Sex	Effect		Means
Measure	F Value	p<	BF BM	WF WM
Burk 4	6.19	.05	6.92 6.52	8.43 7.53

Major differences in significant effects for the seventh and eighth grades were found for the Burks' Scales which are not readily explainable. Both grades showed several Burks' scales with significant differences in male and female means. However, there were five scales with significant educational exceptionality effects for the seventh grade students but none for the eighth grade students. Also, five Burks' scales for the seventh grade showed significant sex effects but only one Burks' scale had a significant sex effect for the eighth grade. No seventh grade differences in the Burks' scale means were found to be statistically significant, however three scales were shown to demonstrate statistically significant differences in IE and control condition means for the eighth grade students. In spite of the seeming inconsistencies between grade levels, the

differences found for classification variable level means were usually consistent across scales and explainable.

Significant educational exceptionality effects were obtained for the seventh grade scores on the Burk Scale of Poor Impulse Control (Burk 11), Poor Reality (Burk 12), Poor Anger Control (Burk 15), Excessive Aggressiveness (Burk 17), and Excessive Resistance (Burk 18). In all comparisons, the Emotionally Handicapped students were found to have had the higher means with the other two groups showing essentially the same mean rating level. It was not surprising to find that males were rated significantly lower than females by their teachers on Coordination (Burk 7), Academics (Burk 9), Sense of Persecution (Burk 16), Aggressiveness (Burk 17), and Social Conformity (Burk 19). The race classification variable means revealed the black students to have been rated significantly poorer than whites on the behaviors of Attention (Burk 10), Impulse Control (Burk 11), Anger Control (Burk 15), Control of Aggression (Burk 17), and Resistance (Burk The race by treatment interaction indicated that white students assigned to receive the IE training were rated significantly higher on the Anxiety scale than the other three race-sex combinations.

There were fewer signficant Burk scale effects found for the eighth grade students in comparison to their younger colleagues. The eighth grade IE assigned students were rated to be significantly more dependent (Burk 4), have less of a sense of identity (Burk 13) and were more aggressive (Burk 17) than control students. Since students were randomly assigned to either receive

the supplementary instrumental enrichment training or the normal special education instructional program, it can be assumed that these are differences of chance variation. Indeed, an analysis of the three scales showing significant differences does not appear to provide a common pattern underlying the observed differences.

The finding of significant sex differences for the eighth grade students is easier to understand since several of the differences parallel those noted for the seventh grade subjects participating in the study. Males were found to have been rated significantly more likely to have a problem with the behavior described in the Burks' scale by their teacher than were females on six scales. These scales represented measures of a student's Coordination (Burks' 7), Academics (Burks' 9), Attention (Burks' 10), Impulse Control (Burks' 11), Aggressiveness (Burks' 17), and Resistance (Burks' 18). A significant race effect for eighth grade students was found for only one scale in contrast to the case for seventh grade where there were significant differences on five of the 19 Burks' scales. The significant eighth grade race effect was for Anxiety and resulted from the teachers rating the white students as significantly more anxious than the black students. The final significant Purks' scale effect was found for the race by sex interaction for the fourth Burks' scale. Black male students were rated to have less of a problem and white female students more of a problem with dependency.

The Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC IQ) was administered to all study participants prior to the initiation of the Instrumental Enrichment program. An analysis of variance of



the WISC IQ scores classified by school and treatment condition for seventh grade students revealed a significant school effect, F(9,160)=2.37, p<.05, as well as a significant condition\*school effect, F(9,160)=2.26, p<.05. At the eighth grade level, only the condition X school effect was significant, F(9,125)=2.09, p<.05. Parental Socio-Economic status measures were obtained and subjected to an analysis of variance to evaluate the condition and school effects at each grade level. Only the condition X school effect was found to be marginally significant for the fathers of the seventh grade students. Since some of these fathers were absent from the home and thus would not have a great effect on student learning, this result should not be considered as particularly meaningful.

The final determination of the effectiveness of the IE program will be based upon performance in academic achievement gain shown by students who had received the IE training as compared to student controls. The design of the evaluation study provided for the testing of the students with the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test (PPVT) upon entrance into the program and upon graduation from the eighth grade. Thus, eighth grade students would have both pre and post PPVT scores while seventh grade students would only have the pre PPVT measure. Due to the fact that the seventh and eighth grade students represented two different waves in the study, program effect analysis procedures could only be used with the eighth grade data. Performance measures are summarized in the Appendix by level of condition and classification variables.

Since students were randomly assigned to IE treatment and control conditions, no significant differences would be expected on PPVT scores for students in the two different conditions. contrast, there was an expectation that a significant difference in means among schools participating in the study and students classified by race would be found. Three separate analyses were performed on the PPVT pre scores at both grade levels. The first analysis of variance evaluated the effects of treatment condition and school in a crossed design. The school variable indicated significant differences among school PPVT means existed, 7th grade F(9,161)=2.28, p<.05 and 8th grade F(8,122)=2.27, p<.05. The other two analyses included the treatment condition and educational exceptionality factor with sex serving as the third factor in the first analysis of variance and race as the third factor in the second analysis of variance. Both of the these analyses of variance indicated that eduational exceptionality was a significant variable, F(2,128)=5.95 p<.01, with the EMH students scoring about 18 points below the EH and LD students. The race factor was also significant, F(1, 128)=4.66, p<.05, with the white students scoring 10 PPV1 score points above the black Parallel analyses run on the seventh grade data showed only a significant educational exceptionality effect with EMH students scoring 18 points below the other two groups, F(2,169)=7.43, p<.01.

In view of the significant among school effects and the significant educational exceptionality and race effects, it was decided to use difference scores to evaluate the effectiveness of the first year of IE instruction on eighth grade students.



The same three basic analyses of variance were run on the PPVT difference scores for eighth grade students with the finding of no significant effects in any of the analyses. However, an analysis of the mean difference of 4.86 in pre and post PPVT scores for all eighth grade students participating in the IE evaluation program was found to be statistically significant, t(129)=4.16, p<.01. These results indicate that the eighth grade students whether in the IE treatment or control conditions gained on the average at about the same rate. Thus, these preliminary results do not provide support for the assumption underlying this research project, namely that students receiving the experiences provided by the Instrumental Enrichment program would perform better than students receiving instruction of the normal special education program. However, it must be recognized that the IE program has only been in operation for one year and that full year evaluation data was only available for eighth grade participants.

Grade point averages (GPA) were obtained for eighth grade students to provide another measure of impact of the IE program on special education students. Final grade point averages for the 1983-84 and 1984-85 academic years provided a basis for determining pre study comparability of student school achievement prior to the initiation of the IE program and after one year of program implementation. The same analyses were performed on the pre and post GPA measures as were performed on the PPVT test scores. None of the analyses indicated a basis for concluding the IE program treatment was related to an improved grade point

average for eighth grade students receiving IE training as compared to eighth grade control students following the normal special education program. The treatment group by school analysis on the pre and post GPA measures showed a significant school effect with differences in school mean GPA's. Subsequent analyses on the treatment group by exceptionality by race and by sex showed no significant differences on the pre GPA measures with an overall weighted value of 2.68 for all eighth grade students. The analysis of the post IE program GPA measures using the treatment group by exceptionality by race and by sex designs showed a significant exceptionality effect with EH GPA mean of 2.68 and EMH mean of 2.75 substantially below the LD mean of 3.00. This finding is rather surprising in view of the nonsignificant exceptionality effect observed for the pre GPA measures. The difference in pre and post weighted GPA measures indicated the study participants overall showed a statistically significant improvement of 0.20 in GPA units, t(99)=3.02, p<.01.

One final analysis was run using the PPVT difference score as the dependent variable in a multiple regression model with the Burk, WISC IQ score, Sex, Race, and Parental SES as imput variables while controlling for the different schools participating in the study. The regression analysis indicated that none of the study measures were significant predictors of PPVT difference scores and that the school blocking variable was the only significant variable in the model.

In summary, the analysis of data collected at the beginning of the first year of the IE project in the Wake County Public School System revealed significant differences between schools on



the performance measures of PPVT and WISC for both seventh and eighth grade students and on the grade point average measure for eighth grade students. The PPVT measure analysis also showed other significant classification variables such as Educational Exceptionality and Race with the poorest performance shown by the EM! and Black students, respectively. The end of the first year of program operation indicated a significant effect for eighth  $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$ grade student Exceptionality GPA with the LD students earning higher GPA's in comparison to the other two categories of special eduation students. Also, there was a significant gain of 0.20 on the weighted GPA measure for eighth grade students participating in the study. In view of the significant relationships between the study design classification variables and PPVT pre study . performance, it was decided to use the difference scores for the eighth grade students who were the only students to be tested at . the end of the first year of program operation. The analysis of the PPVT difference scores showed no significant effects for any of the variables considered in the study although a test of the PPV. test score gain was significant. Thus, it was not possible to demonstrate that a significant effect resulted from IE training. Additional analyses were performed on other variables collected prior to the initiation of the IE project. Included were the Burks' Behavior scale ratings provided by teachers, family SES measures, and the WISC IQ measure. Significant elfects were found for several classification variables when analyses were performed on the teacher ratings obtained from the Burks' Scales which were, for the most part, explainable while



the only significant effects on the pre SES and IQ measures were related to the school or school X condition combinations. The pre measures were then used in a regression analysis to see if they could provide some help in explaining eighth grade student PPVT gains. The result of the regression analysis was disappointing when the only significant effect was found to be the classification variable of school attended.



# APPENDIX A

Summary Statistics for Study Measures

by Levels of Treatment Condition

Within Grade Level



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# APPENDIX B Summary Statistics for Study Measures by Educational Exceptionality Category Within Grade Level



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APPENDIX C

Summary Statistics for Study Measures

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# EVALUATION SUMMARY AND EVALUATION OF SECOND YEAR ACTIVITIES 1985-86



An Assessment of the Implementation of the Instrumental Enrichment Program in Selected Wake County Middle Schools

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An evaluation of the effectiveness of an intervention program must make the assumption that the program was being implemented as designed by the program developers. This situation is of major concern when the evaluation of the program has not found an positive effect due to the program. Without formal evidence of appropriate implementation of an intervention program, it will not be possible to state conclusively if the measured results of the program reflect failure of the program to produce the desired effect or a failure to implement the program correctly.

The Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) implementation of the Instrumental Enrichment (IE) Program for middle school students with learning and/cr emotional handicaps included periodic observation of teachers involved in teaching the program. A Lesson Observation Form was developed by WCPSS personnel for the purpose of assessing the extent to which teachers were implementing the IE program instructional strategies during the IE classes.

While the observational data collected during classroom visits was used by WCPSS personnel for program monitoring purposes, it was concluded that a statistical analysis of the data would also represent an opportunity to demonstrate the extent to which the program was being implemented in the classroom as designed.



### PROCEDURE

The monitoring plan established by the Director of the WCPSS Instrumental Enrichment Project called for periodic visits by a member of the Project Staff trained in IE teaching strategies to classes where the IE Instruction was being provided. The staff member utilized the <u>Instrumental Enrichment Lesson Observation</u>

Form to record the extent to which the observed lesson followed IE instructional principles. A copy of the Lesson Observation Form can be obtained from Ms. Hermina Hunter of WCPSS.

A total of 12 classroom observations were made in the classrooms of 11 different teachers during October of 1984 at which
time the program was getting under way and represented the only
observations available for the first year of program operation.
The remaining 41 classroom observations were made in the classrooms of eight different teachers during the second year of IE
program operation starting in September of 1986 and ending in
March of 1986.

The statistical analyses performed on the data included comparisons of mean number of students and time spent in teaching IE lesson components for the time periods of October, 1984; fall, 1985; and spring, 1986. In addition, frequency counts and percentages of IE instructional lesson characteristics found on the Instrumental Enrichment Lesson Observation Form were tabulated for the 1984-85 (actually October of 1985) and 1985-86 academic years.

### RESULTS

Table 1 gives a summary of mean number of students taught per lesson for the three time periods of interest.



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Table 1

Summary Statistics for Numbers of Students per Observation Period

Year

1984				1985				1986		
Mean St.	Dev.	N	Mean	st.	Dev.	N	Mean S	St. Dev.	N	
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An inspection of mean class size revealed a slight amount of variation around the overall mean class size of 9.67 students (st. dev.=3.68). Moreover, an analysis of variance performed on the means of the three groups revealed no significant differences, F(2,46)=1.67, p=.20. (Some of the observations found within an observation year were of the same teachers. However, it was assumed that the number of students attending class would represent a random process beyond the control of the teacher and that these repeated observations of the same teacher could be assumed to represent random replicates.)

The summary statistics of minutes spent in each of the four IE lesson components is presented in Table 2.

Table 2
Summary Statistics of Time Allocations of

IE Lesson Components in Minutes

	1984				Year 1985		1986		
Comp.	Mean	St. De	7. N	Mean	St. Dev	. N	Mean	St. Dev.	N
1	11.7	3.26	12	10.0	2.77	14	11.5	3.67	24
2	20.0	2.67	8	16.7	8.62	12	16.0	6.26	22
3	14.5	7.24	10	15.7	6.46	14	14.0	8.18	24
4	5.9	2.18	10	4.3	1.61	12	3.7	1.28	22



As can be noted from an inspection of Table 2, the ranking of mean time per IE Lesson component was remarkably consistent over the three observation periods. Students in IE classes typically spent more time in independent work and somewhat less time participating in class discussion. The next greatest amount of class time was utilized by the teacher in introd.cing the lesson at the beginning of the class while the least amount of time, typically about five minutes, was spent in summarizing the lesson at the end of class.

Analyses of variance were performed on the time reports between years for each of the lesson components. The results are presented below in Table 3.

Table 3

Summary of ANOVA of Time Spent on Lesson Components
Between Years Within Component

Lesson				
Component	Source	<u>df</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>F</u>
INTRODUCTION	Years	2	12.70	1.13
	Error	47	11.20	
INDEP. STUDY	Years	2	46.68	1.08
	Error	39	43.32	
DISCUSSION	Year	2	12.47	0.22
	Error	45	56.81	
SUMMARY	Year	2	16.25	6.29*
	Error	41	2.50	

<sup>\*</sup> p < .05.

Only the between year component of an IE Lesson showed a significant difference between years and seemed to reflect a tendency for teachers to spend less time on summaries over the three observation periods.



The percentage of responses to the item options providing a description of an IE lesson were summarized within academic school year by item and are presented in Table 4. Percentages were used for analysis purposes since there were varying numbers of omitted responses on several of the items.

Table 4

Percentage of Lesson Characteristics Cbserved in IE Classrooms by Academic School Year

					Year	
			1984	1-85		5-86
		Total		=12)		=43)
	Item	Missing	Yes	No	Yes	No
	T THEROPHOETON					
•	I. INTRODUCTION					
	1. Comp. to other Work	9	100	0	94	6
2	<ol><li>Voc./Concept Form</li></ol>					
	a) introduced	6	100	0	94	6
	<pre>b) well-defined</pre>	6	100	0	94	6
	c) student defined	7	100	0	94	6
	d) examples given	6	100	0	94	6
	e) student examples	7	100	0	94	6
	<pre>/ f) related to page</pre>	11	100	0	94	6
з.	Definition of Problem					
	a) read./exp. by tch	r. 5	89	11	95	5
	b) students contribu	te, 4	100	0	95	5
	c) focus on Prob.	9	100	0	91	9
4.	Anticipation of Diff.					
	a) by teacher only	13	50	50	97	3
	b) by students	15	100	0	68	32
5.	Strategies Developed					
	a) by teacher only	10	71	29	100	0
	<pre>b) by student</pre>	11	100	0	100	0
	<ul><li>c) various strategie</li></ul>	s 9	100	0	100	0
	d) why they work	40	100	0	83	17
	f) self checking	23	100	0	100	0
6.	Principles					
	a) introduced	8	100	0	100	0
	b) examples given	7 ·	100	0	100	0
7.	Question					
	<ul><li>a) does tchr. vary</li></ul>	3	100	0	100	0
	b) tchr. use probes	4	100	0	100	0
8.	Mini Summary Used	6	100	0	100	0

### Table 4 Continued

Year 1984-85 1985-86 Total (N=12)(N=43)Item Missing Yes No Yes No II. IDEPENDENT WORK PERIOD 1. Student Att'n. Focused a) few b) most c) all 2. Student Work Checked a) by teacher b) by students Students Helped. a) by teacher b) by students 4. Strategies and Cues Dev. a) by teacherb) by students 5. Insight Developed a) by teacher b) by students 6. Activit. for Finishers III. Discussion 1. Discuss how prob. solv. a) by teacher b) by students c) diff. discussion d) process discussion e) var. proc. accepted 5 f) correct answer anal. 5 g) errors analyzed h) alt. sol. intro. 2. Connection to Main Prin. a) present 3. Bridges Used a) by teachers b) by students c) approp. to prin.d) across 2+ areas 4. Questions a) tchr Vary Across 2+ 7 b) tchr use problems C 

Table 4 Continued

		Item	Total Missing	1984 (N=1 Yes			5-86 =43) No
II.	. SUMMARY						
2.	Summary Pre Student Con Connect Pri	tribute	11 14	100 100	0 0	100 100	0 0
4.	<ul><li>a) to pag</li><li>b) to bri</li><li>Mention Pro</li></ul>	.dging	18 25 18	100 100 100	0 0 0	100 100 96	0 0 4
v.	GENERAL CH	ARACTERIST	rics				
	Praises a) seldom b) someti c) often Accepts		9	0 0 100		0 39 61	
	a) seldom b) someti c) often Rejects		16	0 0 100		0 33 67	
	<ul><li>a) seldom</li><li>b) someti</li><li>c) often</li></ul>	mes		100 0 0		88 12 0	
5. 6.	Pacing Appr Blackboard General Atm Interaction	Used Effectors Place Pla	.eas. 5	100 100 100 100	0 0 0	97 94 97 92	3 6 3 8

An inspection of percent yes responses to the various items on the Instrumental Enrichment Lesson Observation Form suggests that the teachers were conscientious in following the Instrumental Enrichment curriculum guide in presenting the course content to middle school grade students with exceptional educational needs. These results further indicate that trained observers were able to identify the various elements of the instrumental enrichment lesson and to assess the existence of prescribed instructional strategies. This finding provides evidence that the Instrumental Enrichment curriculum was implemented as planned.



The perusal of the observation data within lesson component provides further evidence that teachers were implementing the specific instructional activities described in the curriculum. It was noteworthy that all of the listed instructional activities when observed were found to have been used ninety percent (90 %) or more of the time within the four lesson omponents. However, it can also be seen that there were some potential IE lesson instructional characteristics which were not seen in a substantial number of the observed clasrooms. For example, the introductory lesson component typically did not provide the teacher with an opportunity to demonstrate why a particular instrumental enrichment strategy worked and often did not indicate that there could be self checking of the developed strategy. It may be that some of the lessons did not lend themselves to demonstration of the "why" or the "how to check" for the strategy under study. An inspection of the number of missing responses in the independent work lesson component of instruc- . tional lessons suggests that the majority of the observed lessons did not provide opportunities for observing the use of the student as an instructional rescurce. For example, there were few classrooms where an opportunity existed for the student to assist in the instructional activities such as checking other students work or by helping other students to understand something about the lesson assignment. Also, there were fewsituations where a student could be expected to be finished with their independent work component of the lesson and thus there was little need to have other planned activities. These findings suggest the teacher still served as a principal instructor in the



classroom situation and that most of the time available for independent study was taken up with students working by themselves on the day's lesson.

The examination of the percentages of activities for Part III of the Lesson Observation Form indicated teachers were able to implement the IE instructional philosophy during the Discussion Component of the lesson. The emphasis during this portion was on how to do problem solving. Also, students were much more involved in this part of the lesson in comparison to the independent work period. Finally, it was noted that twenty percent of the lesson forms failed to contain reference to a summary lesson component. However, lesson summaries were appropriately implemented when observed.

Thus, the general characteristics of lessons were found to follow the IE instructional model in all of the 1984 observations as well as those in 1985-86. However, there was less demonstration of the use of affective support features of the IE instructional program in the second year as opposed to the first year (i.e., Praises often: 100 % in 1984 vs. 61 % in 1985-86; and Accepts often: 100 % in 1984 vs. 67 % in 1985-86). Teacher rejection remained at a desired low level for both years.

In conclusion, the Instrumental Enrichment instructional model does appear to have been appropriately implemented by Wake County Public School System Special Education teachers in selected middle schools. The evidence of the effectiveness of this instructional procedure can therefore be validly based upon the academic and behavioral evaluation measures used in this study.

# An Evaluation of the Instrumental Enrichment Program's Second Year of Operation

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### BACKGROUND

The Instrumental Enrichment Program (hereafter designated as IE Program) was implemented at the seventh and eighth grade levels of selected Wake County Public School System middle schools (hereafter designated as WCPSS) during the 1984-85 academic school year. A federal grant obtained by WCPSS was used to provide support of the implementation of the IE Project. Training of teachers was accomplished through attendance at workshops run by WCPSS personnel and project consultants. The IE Project workshops began in the summer of 1984 and continued throughout the 1984-85 and 85-86 school years.

Students assigned to the treatment conditions received IE instruction in a class from the teachers who had participated in the IE training workshops. The remainder of the IE student's school day was to be spent in taking normal middle school academic and/or special education courses. Control students only took academic and/or special education courses as specified in their individual educational program.

### METHOD

# Evaluation Design

The evaluation design for determining the effectiveness of the IE Project specified the random assignment to treatment and control conditions of seventh and eighth grade students identified as emotionally handicapped (EH), educable mentally handicapped (EMH), and learning disabled (LD). A second cohort



of seventh grade special education students was enrolled in the study during the 1985-86 academic school year. Random assignment procedures were also followed in allocation of students within the second cohort to treatment and control conditions. Withdrawal requests made by parents of IE Program participants were honored whenever presented to project administrators. This resulted in a small number of study dropouts which accounted for less than five percent of the total study population.

# Instrumentation and Data Collection Procedures

Standardized measures of intellectual status were obtained on project participants to provide an indication of the impact of the IE instructional program. The Otis-Lennon School Ability measure was administered on a pre and post basis to eighth grade IE project students during the 1984-85 academic school year and to seventh grade IE project students during the 1985-86 academic school year. The 1984-85 seventh grade students and 1985-86 eighth grade students were administered a post test only in 1985 and 1986, respectively. In addition, the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test was individually administered by trained psychometricians to all treatment and control students within the seventh and eighth grades of both project years.

Teachers provided ratings on each of the IE study participants utilizing the <u>Burks' Behavior Rating Scale</u> at the end of the two project academic school years. The study design called for the 1984-85 eighth grade cohort to follow a normal curriculum based upon their IEP in the ninth grade. These students were followed up through the administration of an activities checklist designed by WCPSS personnel specifically to identify the level of



participation in ninth grade school activities of both IE instructed and control students.

Student demographic information was obtained from student cumulative folders on file at the individual schools. Missing information was obtained through teacher and/psychometrician interviews with the students. Among the demographic variables collected for possible analysis were student sex, race, and previous individual IQ score. Information collected on the parents included individual parent socio-economic-status and presence/absence in the home.

A final set of measures included the grades earned and recorded absences in courses taken by the control and IE students during the 1985-86 academic school year. Grade listings were obtained from the WCPSS Data Processing for all former project students from the 7th through 9th grades and weighted according to a scheme developed by IE Project personnel that provided higher weights for grades that were obtained in non-special education courses. The weighting procedure was described on Pages 31-32 of the project proposal.

A schematic of the study design as carried out by Wake County Public School System IE Project personnel during the 1984-86 academic school years is presented as Figure 1. The diagram follows the conventions developed by Campbell and Stanley for describing educational research studies (C=Control; E=IE; R=Random Assignment; O=Observation/Test; and X=Intervention of IE Treatment).



FIGURE 1 Schematic of IE Project Evaluation Design

Academic School Year

			19	84-	85			19	85-	કદ
7+h	Grade R	С	0				С	0		0
/tn. (	Grade K	E	0				E	0	x	0
8th.	Condo D	С	0		0		С			0
	Grade R	Ξ	0	x	0				X	0
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The primary purpose of this report is to assess the impact of IE instruction on the intellectual and behavioral functioning of special education students in middle school grades. A secondary purpose was to assess the relationship of demographic variables and student program impact measures.

### RESULTS

## Sample Description

A demographic description of the IE project students can be determined from an analysis of the data collected from participating students in the 1985-86 academic school year. Tables 1-3 provide the frequency distribution of scudents by demographic characteristics of exceptionality, sex and race within the IE treatment and control conditions by grade.

TABLE 1

Numbers of Students Categorized by Exceptionality and Treatment

Grade 7

Condition	n	EH %	Exc n	eptionali EMH %	ity n	LD &	Total n
Control	5	4.6	7	6.4	25	22.7	37
IE Instr.	10	9.1	12	10.9	51	46.4	73
Total	15		19		76	,	110
				Grade 8			
Condition	n	EH %	Exc	eptionali EMH 9	ity n	LD	Total n
Control	2	2.5	4	4.9	24	29.6	30
IE Instr.	1	1.6	10	12.4	40	49.4	51
Total	3		14		64		81
				Grade 9			
Condition	n	EH %	. Exc	eptionali EMH %	ity n	LD	Total n
Control	3	2.7	13	11.6	23	20.,	<b></b> 39
IE Instr.	3	2.7	26	23.2	44	39.3	73
Total	6		39		67		112



TABLE 2

Numbers of Students Categorized by Sex and Treatment

# Grade 7

Sex								
Condition	Fema n	ıle ⊱	n n	Male %	Total			
Condition	11	v	11	•	n			
Control	11	10.0	26	23.6	37			
IE Instr.	20	18.2	53	48.2	73			
Total	31		79		110			
Grade 8								
Sex								
On divin	Female			Male	Total			
Condition	n	8	n	<b>%</b>	n			
Control	12	14.8	18	22.2	30			
IE Instr.	18	22.2	33	40.7	51			
Total	30		51		81			
		Grade 9						
		Sex						
Condition	Fema n	ile ક	Ma n	ale %	Total n			
Control		30.5	۰					
Control	19	13 5	35	25.0	54			
IE Instr.	31	22.1	55	39.3	86			

# Table 3

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Numbers of Students Categorized by Race and Treatment

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# Grade 7

		Race			
Condition	Bla n	ck %	Whi n	te %	Total n
Control	23	20.9	14	12.7	37
IE Instr.	37	33.6	36	32.7	73
Total	60		50		110

Total

### Table 3 Continued

### Grade 8

	Race		
	Black	White	Total
Condition	n %	n %	n
Control	18 22.2	12 14.8	30
IE Instr.	23 28.4	28 34.6	51
Total	41	40	81
	Grade 9		
	Race		
	Elack	White	Total
Condition	n %	n %	n
Control	39 27.8	15 10.7	54
IE Instr.	53 37.9	33 23.6	86
Total	92	48	140

The original design of the IE Project called for the enrollment of 150 students in the IE condition and control groups at each grade level of interest. However, it can be noted that this goal was not achieved for any of the groups. The largest number of project participants were found to be ninth grade students who had been exposed to the IE curriculum in the eighth grade. The next largest group was the seventh grade students of the 1985-86 cohort while the 1984-85 seventh grade cohort represented the smallest group from which data could be obtained. An inspection of the exceptionality categorization of students within the control and IE instructed conditions revealed two to three times as many Learning Disabled students as the two other categories combined. Students identified as educable mentally handicapped were next most frequent while students with emotional handicaps typically represented less than five percent of each group.



Consistent patterns were also found for students categorized by sex and race across grade levels. Males comprised the greatest proportion of students for whom a sex designation was available. Also, there were more black than white students at each grade level within the project.

Tables 4-6 provide a summary of the relationships among demographic characteristics of the students providing evaluation data.

Table 4

Numbers of Students Categorized by Exceptionality and Sex

			Grade	7			
Sex	n	EH %	Exception EM n		n	FD &	Total n
Female	5	4.6	7	6.4	19	17.3	31
Male	10	9.1	12	10.9	57	51.8	79
Total	15		19		56		110
			Grade	8			
Sex	n	EH %	Exception E n	ality MH %	n	LD %	Total n
Female	0	0.0	6	7.4	24	29.6	30
Male	3	3.7	8	9.9	40	49.4	51
Total	4		14		64		81
			Grade	9			-
		EH	Exception	ality MH		LD	Total
Sex	n	£.	n	8	n	₽ 011	n
Female	1	0.8	24	18.9	22	17.3	47
Male	9	7.1	17	13.4	54	42.5	80
Total	10		41		76		127



Table 5
Numbers of Students Categorized by Exceptionality and Race

# Grade 7

		EH	Exception	nality EMH		T D	late 1
Race	n	8	n	& EMU	n	LD %	Total n
Black	4	3.4	14	12.7	43	39.1	61
White	11	10.0	5	4.6	33	30.0	49
Total	15		15		76		110
			Grad	le 8			
			Exception	_			
Race	n	EH %	n	EMH %	n	FD %	Total n
Black	2	2.5	10	12.4	29	35.8	41
White	1	1.2	4	4.9	35	43.2	40
Total	3		14		64		81
			Grad	le 9			
			Exception	nality			
	n	EH %	n	EMH %	n	LD %	Total n
Black	6	4.7	34	26.8	44	34.7	83
White	4	3.2	7	5.5	32	25.2	42
Total	10		41		76		1_7

# Table 6

# Numbers of Students Categorized by Sex and Race

# Grade 7

		Sex			
Race	Fen n	nale %	Male n	e ફ	Total n
Black	18	16.4	43	39.1	61
White	13	11.8	36	32.7	49
Total	31		79		110



### Table 6 Continued

### Grade 8

Race	Sex Female n %	Male n %	Total n
Black	12 14.8	29 35.8	41
White	18 22.2	22 27.2	40
Total	30	51	81
	Grade 9		
	Sex		
Race	Female n %	Male n %	Total n
Black	37 26.4	55 33.9	92

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The learning disabled categorized students were also found to be most frequent when the sex or race of the IE Project participants was considered within grade level with one exception. There were more educable mentally handicapped than learning disabled females at the ninth grade level. Finally, the breakout of student sex by race categorization within grade level indicated that more males than females and more blacks than whites were to be found at each of the grade levels. There was less consistency of ranking of size of groups within the four sex by race combinations. Black males represented the single largest grouping of students at each of the three grade levels; white males represented the second largest grouping for seventh and eighth grades while black females comprised the second largest group of students in the ninth grade sample.

Summary statistics of the individually administered intelli-



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gence test scores obtained for special education classification purposes from the student files are presented in Table 7.

Table 7

Summary Statistics for Intelligence Test Score by Treatment and Results of Analysis of Variance

Grade	Condition	Mean	St. Dev.	N	F	đ£	р
7	Control	83.40	15.79	37	0.01	. 05	2.4
	IE Instr.	86.04	13.52	73	0.91	1,95	.34
8	Control	81.47	9.60	30			
	IE Instr.	82.90	12.25	51	0.29	1,69	.59

An analysis of variance of the group means revealed no significant differences in mean WISC-R IQ for the control and IE treatment conditions at the two grade levels. This finding provides support for a contention that the random assignment procedure was effective in establishing equivalent groups prior to the initiation of the Project.

# Impact of IE Instructional Program

While there was an expectation that IE instruction would result in an increased level of academic performance, the program was also expected to effect student school behavior. These results are presented separately by type of measure.

## Academic Aptitude

A comparison was made of control and IE instructed middle school grade students performance on the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test and Peabody Picture Voacabulary to provide a measure of impact of the IE project on academic aptitude. As noted earlier, an analysis of variance was performed on the treatment conditions with the individual schools serving as a blocking



factor in a randomized block design. The analysis of both measures indicated no statistically significant difference in student performance in the two treatment conditions for either grade level. Summa, statistics for both groups of students are summarized below in Table 8.

Table 8

Summary Statistics for Academic Aptitude Measures by Tleatment

		Otis Lennon	PPVT			
Grade	Condition	Mean St. Dev.	N	Mean St. Dev.	N	
7	Control	28.32 11.32	37	108.51 18.83	37	
	IE Instructed	27.98 10.38	67	109.37 16.40	73	
8	Control	28.96 10.01	25	107.53 16.64	30	
	IE Instructed	30.40 13.13	48	111.90 17.44	51	

Significant School effects were found for both academic aptitude measures at the 7th grade level: Otis-Lennon No. Correct measure F=(7,86)=3.53,p<.01 and PPVT F=(7,95)=2.70,p<.05 and for Otis-Lennon raw score at the 8th grade, F(6,62)=2.99, p<.05; the PPVT measure approached significance for eighth students, F(6,69)=2.08 .05<p<.10. The significant, and almost significant, school effects resulted from the fact that different middle schools attracted students of differing mean academic ability. Partial support for this conclusion is provided by the significant between school 'fect noted for the seventh grade students on the WISC-R IQ Test scores obtained prior to the initiation of the IE Project.

The reanalysis of the Otis-Lennon and PPVT test scores according to a treatment by exceptionality factorial design revealed no statistically significant differences in treatment

again as would be expected but that there were differences in student exceptionality group. The summary statistics and tests of significance are summarized in Table 9.

Table 9

Means and Sample Sizes and Tests of Significate for Exceptionality Factor

Crado Evgont No.			Otis-Lennon N F df p Mean				Mann	PPVT			
Grade	Except	• Mean	14	£	Q.L	Ъ	Mean	1/1	r.	đf	р
	EH	31.78	14				116.73	15			
7	EMH	17.94	18	11.93	2,95	.01	90.95	19	16.66	2,104	.01
	LD	30.00	69				112.10	76			
	EH	24.00	3				99.67	3			
8	<b>EMH</b>	21.57	14	3.96	2,67	.05	94.78	14	5.86	2, 75	.01
	LD	32.20	56				114.17	64			

The inspection of the tests of significance resulting from the analysis of variance revealed statistically significantly different levels of intellectual aptitude performance for the groups. At the seventh grade level, the EMH showed a significantly lower level of performance relative to the EH and LD students on both measures. While the EMH students also scored lowest at the eighth grade level, it is noted that the EH students also scored substantially lower than the LD students although still performing above the EMH students. With only three EH students, one cannot have a great deal of confidence in the observed n for this group. Thus, it is not possible to state whether the observed mean is characteristic of eighth grade EH students or a function of sampling variation. Mowever, it is quite clear, due to the results observed at both the seventh and



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eighth grades, that EMH students performed substantially below the LD students on the intellectual aptitude measures used in the study and that such findings were consistent both within the control and IE instructed groups.

The availability of pre and post measures for the seventh grade students provided an opportunity to calculate gain scores across groups and to determine if differential rates of growth resulted from exposure to IE instruction. Use of the randomized block design with condition as the treatment variable and school as blocks resulted in a nonsignificant difference in gain of No. correct from the fall to the spring for the control and IE instructed students, F(1,75)=0.60, p=.44, (Control: Mean=3.19, St. Dev.=6.76; IE Instructed: Mean=2.86, St. Dev.=6.45). School was not a significant variable in this analysis. The reanalysis of the gain scores as a factorial design with condition and student exceptionality as factors confirmed the similarity of gain shown by control and IE instructed students and indicated no statistically significant differences in mean gain in students categorized by their exceptionality, F(2,84)=0.53, p=.66.

# IE Instructional Program Effect on Student Behavior

Teachers rated students using items comprising the 19 scales of the Burks' Behavior Rating Scale Form during the spring of 1986. These scores provide another means of assessing the effect of IE instruction on middle school grade students with special educational needs. The statistical analysis procedures utilized in this portion of the study followed closely the procedures utilized in the analysis of the academic cognitive measures described in the section above. The summary statistics on the



control and IE instructed groups of children for the 19 scales is presented by grade in Table 10.

Table 10

Burks' Behavior Rating Scales Summary Statistics by Group

	Scale	Grade 7 Contro (n=37 Mean S	1	İE Instructed (n=73) Mean St. Dev.		
1.	Excessive Self Blame	7.32	2.33	7.18	3.25	
2.	Ecessive Anxiety	7.24	3.26	7.27	3.54	
3.	Excessive Withdrawal	8.54	3.0€	9.40	4.94	
4.	Excessive Dependency	9.30	3.78	8.44	2.98	
5.	Poor Ego Strength	13.70	5.40	14.02	5.79	
6.	Poor Physical Strength	6,94	2.30	6.34	2.32	
7.	Poor Coordination	7.40	2.73	7.11	2.92	
8.	Poor Attendance	13.78	5.24	12.53	5.92	
9.	Poor Academics	13.57	4.49	12.05	4.90	
10.	Poor Attendance	10.51	4.86	10.08	5.96	
11.	Poor Impulse Control	9.19	5.06	8.53	5.38	
12.	Poor Reality Control	10.70	2.73	11.00	3.59	
13.	Poor Sense of Ident.	6.46	2.40	7.41	3.67	
14.	Excessive Suffering	10.76	3.73	11.20	5.42	
15.	Poor Anger Control	8.78	4.87	8.75	4.95	
16.	Exces. Sense of Pers.	8.70	4.86	7.64	4.29	
17.	Excessive Aggres.	9.40	3.76	* J. 41	5.85	
18.	Excessive Resistance	8.86	4.98	9.03	5,36	
19.	Poor Social Conformity	12.22	5.50	13.00	6.45	

Table 10 Continued

	Scale	Grade 8 Contro (n=30 Mean 8	o1	IE Instructed (n=51) Mean St. Dev.		
1.	Excessive Self Blame	6.70	2.55	7.31	3.64	
2.	Ecessive Anxiety	7.10	3.71	8.04	4.13	
3.	Excessive Withdrawal	8.10	3.62	8.94	4.25	
4.	Excessive Dependency	7.27	1.41	8.43	3.25	
5.	Poor Ego Strength	11.50	3.78	12.84	5.10	
6.	Poor Physical Strength	6.23	2.80	6.35	2.21	
7.	Poor Coordination	6.13	1:68	7.20	2.54	
8.	Poor Attendance	11.67	4.80	12.59	4.80	
9.	Foor Academics	11.10	5.20	12.86	5.09	
10.	Poor Attendance	7.83	2.92	8.56	4.36	
11.	Poor Impulse Control	7.63	3.76	7.61	4.17	
12.	Poor Reality Control	10.03	2.75	10.86	3.88	
13.	Poor Sense of Ident.	6.00	1.68	6.67	2.90	
14.	Excessive Suffering	9.93	4.29	10.53	4.50	
15.	Poor Anger Control	8.37	4.68	8.04	4.57	
16.	Exces. Sense of Pers.	6.60	3.02	6.84	3.03	
17.	Excessive Aggres.	8.73	4.37	8.59	4.06	
18.	Excessive Resistance	7.80	3.92	7.90	4.08	
19.	Poor Social Conformity	10.90	4.74	12.04	6.05	

The analyses of variance revealed no statistically significant differences in IE instructed and control students on the ratings provided by the teachers at either grade level. Using a score of greater than 10 as representing an exceptional score, it



is interesting to note that IE Project students in both grades were ranked poor on the scales of Ego Strength, Intellectuality, Academics, Reality Contact, and Social Conformity while the seventh grade students were additionally rated as exceptionally poor on Attendance and showing Excessive Suffering. The results of this set of behavioral ratings do not present any evidence of the effectiveness of the IE instructional program ir improving middle school grade special education student behavior in a class or school setting.

The two complementary analyses of variance carried additional information on the variables School and Exceptionality. A total of 9 of the seventh grade School Effects and 12 of the eighth grade School Effects of the possible 19 scales were statistically significant at the .05 level or better. Since the School Variable served as a blocking function to provide a more powerful statistical test of the treatment effect, the analysis suggests substantial differences in the behavioral rating mean level of the schools serving in the TE Project. The results of the statistically significant tests and associated means of Burks' Rating Scales for the Exceptionality factor are presented in Table 11.

It is noted upon inspection of the seventh grade means that Emotionally Handicapped students were rated highest on 7 of the 8 scales with a significant Exceptionality Effect while the EMH were rated highest on the Poor Physical Strength Scale. The eighth grade significant Exceptionality Effect in all cases resulted from the higher ratings given by teachers to Emotionally Handicapped students. Finally, the Burk Scales of (11) Poor



Impulse Control, (15) Poor Anger Control and (18) Poor Social Conformity were found to have significant Exceptionality Effects at both seventh and eighth grade levels. These scales particularly describe characteristics that would be noticeable in observation of EH students.

Table 11

Exceptionality Factor Tests of Signficance and Group Means

Grade 7

Burks Scale	F(2,104)	р		nality Means MH LD
1	3.12	.05	8.80 7.	53 6.84
4	3.80	• 05	9.33 9	.94 8.30
6	11.43	.01	6.13 8	.79 6.06
10	4.54	.05	14.93 8	.68 9.68
11	17.94	.01	15 7 7	.58 7.76
15	13.60	.01	14.33 8	.10 '.87
16	4.50	.05	11.20 7	.05 7.60
18	6.17	.01	13.27 7	.84 8.41
	Grad	e 8		
Burks Scale	F(2,104)	р		nality Means EMH LD
11	3.63	.05	13.33	7.36 7.41
15	4.35	.05	14.67	8.71 7.73
17	4.56	.05	16.33	8.64 8.28
18	3.68	.05	13.67	7.50 7.67
19	5.92	.01	21.67	9.86 11.53
IE Instructional Pr	ogram Effect o	on Studer	nt Ninth Grad	le Extracur-

Another set of data included ninth grade IE Project partici-



ricular Participation

pant responses to items on an individually administered questionnaire asking about their levels of participation in extra-curricular activities. The questionnaire is attached as Appendix A.

Of the 140 ninth grade students contacted as art of the IE Project evaluation activities, 86 were identified as having received IE instruction as eighth grade students with the remaining 54 students identified as formally serving as eighth grade controls. Inspection of the questionnaire forms indicated that 30 (35 percent) of the IE instructed students reported participating in one or more extracurricular/non-academic courses activities as ninth grade students; the corresponding figures for the control students were 16 (30 percent) participants. However, the five percent difference favoring IE instructed students was not statistically significant, z=0.64, p=.52.

Additional analyses were performed on the data provided by ninth grade samples. These analyses were the same as those performed on the demic aptitude and behavior ratings. The measures available for analysis included number of activities reported by each student and mean level of activity for the students who reported performing one or more activities. The summary statistics for these two measures are presented below in Table 12 for the two ninth grade groups.

-Table 12

Activity Participation Measure Summary Statistics by Group

	No. of Activities			Level	of Particip.		
Group	Mean St	t. Dev.	N	Mean	St. Dev.	N	
Control	2.42	3.50	54	3.25	0.76	16	
IE Instr.	1.88	2.98	86	2.83	0.74	30	



Although inspection of means revealed the control groups to have had the higher means, the analyses of variance indicated that the differences were not statistically significant, No. of Activities F(2,121)=0.69, p=.41; Mean Participation Level F(2,38)=0.93, p=.34.

The complementary variables used in the two analyses of variance were found to be significant in the case of exceptionality for number of extracurricular activities, F(2,121)=4.70, p<.01. In this particular analysis, emotionally handicapped students reported substantially higher levels of participation (Mean=4.30) than did the other two groups (EMH Mean=1.15, LD=1.79).

Table 13 summarizes ninth grade student activity levels.

Table 13

Reported Frequency of Activity Participation by Group

Form Code	Activity	Group Control	IE Instructed
b	Basketball: Girls	1	2
đ	Basketball: Jr. Varsity	1	3
f	Chorus	2	1
g	Cross Country	1	1
i	German Club	1	0
k	Gymnastics Club	0	1
1	Football: Jr. Varsity	5	4
m	Football: Varsity	0	1
r	Homecoming Activities	4	10
t	Interclub Council	0	1
v	Intramural Athletics	2	3

Table 13 Continued

Form		Group	•
Code	Activity	Control	IE Instructed
bb	Marching Band	C	3
ee	Photography Club	0	3
ff	Soccer Team	2	1
ii	Spirit Week	6	14
mm	Tennis Team	Ō	1
pp	V.I.C.A. Club	1	1
qq	Volleyball Team	0	1
rr	Wrestling Team	0	1
ss	Other Activities	4	9

A total of 20 different activities were reported by one or more nirth grade IE Project students. An inspection of Table 13 reveals the greatest levels of participation were in school sponsored spirit building activities such as Homecoming and Spirit Week. Participation in sports was the next most often frequently reported school related activity with a total of 8 reported having played either Junior level or Full Varsity Football while 5 other students reported having participated in intramural athletic programs. There was little reported participation in academically related clubs which is not surprising in view of the educational characteristics of IE Project students.

## Program Impact on School Grades and Attendance

One of t expected outcomes of exposing students to the IE curriculum would be improved school performance. The two most important characteristics of school performance considered in this evaluation were student weighted-grade-point-average (WGPA)



and school attendance (ABS). In addition, project personnel were interested in determining if participation in the project would result in special education students meeting the academic course requirement through taking non-special education academic courses (ACAD). The number of course hours taken for the total academic year (HRS) represented a final variable available for analysis.

Two set' of analyses were performed on these four variables separately for students in grades seven, eight, and nine. The first set of analyses compared Control and IE student levels on the four school course/attendance measures through use of the independent groups "t test" while the second set of analyses were concerned with the determination of relationships among the four variables through the calculation of Pearson Product-Moment Correlations.

Table 14 presents the summary statistics and the results of the test of difference between groups for the four school course/ attendance measures by grade.

Table 14

Summary Statistics and Tests of Significance by Grade.
for Course/Attendance Variables

Grade 7

Control(N=53) IE(N=73)t Variable Mean ೮%. Dev. St. Dev. Mean 2.45 WGPA 1.09 2.58 0.92 -1.29HRS 22.45 3.99 22.89 2.98 -0.67 ACAD 1.38 1.78 0.99 1.16 1.49 ABS 14.51 16.29 12.46 13.90 0.76

Table 14 Continued

Grade 8

	Contro	l (N=38)	IE(		
Variable	Mean	St. Dev.	Mean	St. Dev.	t
WGPA	2.80	0.92	2.62	0.74	0.98
HRS	23.96	1.58	23.42	2.25	0.87
ACAD	1.63	1.65	0.92	1.44	2.15*
ABS	15.13	12.08	12.11	11.66	1.20

Grade 9

	Contro	1 (N=30)	IE(		
WGPA	2.18	0.96	2.17	1.05	0.09
HRS	23.17	5.15	23.06	4.04	0.10,
ACAD	2.07	1.98	1.20	1.61	0.10 2.24*
ABS	17.47	18.07	17.18	19.94	0.06

<sup>\*</sup> p<.05

Inspection of group academic grade performance reported in Table 14 reveals no significance difference in the weighted GPA (WGPA) which was based upon approximately the same number of course hours (HRS) for the two groups at each of the three grade levels. However, the significant difference for the ACAD variable at grade level eight and nine indicated the control students elected a greater number of non-special education academic courses to meet the core curriculum requirement.

No reliable differences in mean absences of the two groups were found although a slight increase in mean absences was noted as the grade level increased. The student mean absence rate was approximately seven percent for the seventh and eighth grades and approached cen percent for the ninth grade.

An additional level of analysis was performed where sex and school were used as control variables in two analyses of variance



of the four school measures with group as the treatment variable of interest. Sex was a significant variable only at the seventh grade level for weighted GPA, F(1,108)=9.49, p<.01, and course hours, F(1,108)=4.42, p<.05. Females had the higher grade point average (Females Mean=2.98; Males Mean=2.40) and higher number of course hours for the academic year (Females Mean=23.69; Males Mean=22.26).

Seventh grade students at the project schools differed in number of elected non-special education academic courses, F(9,108)=2.53, p<.01; number of total courses over the academic school year, F(9,108)=2.29, p<.01; and number of absences, F(9,108)=3.57, p<.01. The number of non-special education academic core courses elected by IE Project participants also differed among schools at the eighth grade, F(9,72)=2.35, p<.05 and ninth grade, F(9,108)=3.57, p<.01. levels. The significant between school effects likely reflect differences in school course scheduling policies and school student body characteristics.

Thus, the IE instructional experiences provided to special education students did not achieve two of the goals of the original project proposal; (1) to increase academic performance levels as represented by GPA and (2) to increase the number of non-special education courses taken to meet core curriculum requirements.

Since there was no significant group differences for three of the variables, the decision was made to pool the data from the the control group and IE treatment group within grade. Table 15 presents the intercorrelations among the four study variables separately by grade.



Table 15
Intercorrelations Among Course/Absence Measures by Grade

		Grade 7		
	WGPA	HRS	ACAD	ABS
WGPA HRS ACAD ABS	1.00	.09 1.00	.32 .06 1.00	55 14 25 1.00
		Grade 8		
WGPA HRS ACAD ABS	1.00	.04 1.00	.40 .07 1.00	22 .20 07 1.00
		Grade 9		
WGPA HRS ACAD ABS	1.00	.21 1.00	.49 .18 1.00	68 27 19 1.00

Similar patterns in significant correlation coefficients were noted for students in the three grades. Statistically significant negative correlations were observed between weighted grade point average and absences at all three grade levels; 7th grade r=-0.55; 8th grade r=-0.22; and 9th grade r=-0.68. This finding indicated that failure to attend class resulted in lower end of year course grades. Another consistent finding was the positive correlation between number of non-special academic courses elected and weighted grade point average. However, this finding represented an artifact of the method used to compute the weighted grade point average. (Students received, on a per credit hour basis, two additional points for passing non-special education core academic courses in the computation of a weighted GPA.)



## SUMMARY

The evaluation of the second year of operation of the IE Project was performed with data collected on exceptional education students in grades seven through nine who received IE instruction in the seventh and/or eighth grades or served as contact controls. The statistical analyses of school aptitude test measures, school grades and absences, and behav; 'al ratings scales for students in the seventh and eighth grades indicated no statistically significant differences in mean performance of IE instructed or control students. However, analyses did reveal significant differences in sex for grade point average and for number of course hours in favor of females at the seventh grade level. In addition, statistically significant differences were found between schools and type of special education student / participating in the IE Project. Educable mentally handicapped students performed at lower levels on the school aptitude measures than did the emotionally handicapped or learning disabled students in both IE instructed and control groups. Differences were also found for several Burks' Behavioral Rating Scales for students in the exceptional education category. These analyses revealed the EMH students to have been rated as having more of a problem with behavioral control in social interac':ion situations. Finally, control students at the eighth grade levels selected a statistically significant greater rumber of nonspecial education academic core courses than did the IE instructed students at this grade level.

The level of absences, number of core academic courses, grade performance, and extracurricular activity level of minth



grade students who had previously participated in the IE Project through receiving IE instruction or as contact controls were also assessed as part of the evaluation effort. There were no statistically significant differences found in ninth grade IE instructed and control student rates of absenteeism or grade point average weighted to reflect participation in non-special education core academic courses. However, control students were found to have a significantly higher mean number of non-special education core academic courses in comparison to the IE instructed students. While IE instructed students reported a somewhat higher rate of extracurricular participation than did the control students, the difference in rates was not statistically significant nor were differences in student reported numbers and levels of excurricular activity.

In conclusion, exposure of middle school exceptional education students with learning and emotional handicaps to IE instruction did not result in significant gains in school academic aptitude ability, grade point average, level of absenteeism or behavior over that which would be expected of students taking a normal special education program. These results were consistent with the findings reported in the 1984-85 IE Project EvaluameReport.

## APPENDIX A

Extracurricular Participation Survey Form



## EXTRICURRICULAR PARTICIPATION SURVEY

DIRECTIONS: Below are extracurricular activities that took place in your school during the first semester.

- (1) \_\_ndicate the extent to which you participated by circli y the appropriate number.
   (2) Indicate what you did in the space provided. (Member: President, Secretary, etc.)

ACTIVITIES		EXTENT C	OF YOUR PARTIC	IPATION	TYME/YOUR CONTRIBUTION AND/OR OFFICE HELD	
•		Always	Often	Sometimes	<u>Did Not</u> <u>Participate</u>	<u></u>
a)	Art Club	4	3	2	1	a)
b)	Basketball: Girls' Team	4	3	2	1	b)
c)	Basketball: Varsity Tean	4	3	2	1	c)
d)	Basketball: Jr. Varsity	4	3	2	1	d)
e)	Cheerleaders: Jr. Varsity	4	3	2	1	e)
F)	Chorua (either of them)	4	3	2	1	f)
g)	Cross Country	4	3	2	1	g)
h)	Drama Club	4	3	2	<i>'</i> 1	h)
i)	German Club	4	3	2	1	i)
j)	Graphics Club	Ą	3	2	1	j)
k)	Gymnastics Team	4	3	2	1 ·	k)
1)	Football: Jr. Varsity	4	3	2	1	1)
m)	Football: Varsity	4	3	2	1	m)
n)	French Club	4	3	2	1	n)
G)	FBLA	4	3	2	1 •	o)
p)	FIIA	4	3	2	1	p)
ç)	HERO Club	4	.3	2	ĵ	g)
r)	Homecoming Activities	4	3	2	1	r)
s)	Hore Haven Tutorials	4	3	2	1	s)

(2)

t)	Interclub Council	4	3	2	4	t)
u)	International Club	4	3	2	1 -	น)
	<pre>Intramurals   (Which ones?):</pre>					,
v)		4	3	2	1	v)
W)		4	3	2	1	w)
x)		4	3	2	1	х)
y)	Junior Achieve- ment	4	3	2	1	у)
Z)	Latin Club	4	3	2	1	2)
aa)	Literary Magazine	4	3	2	1	aa)
bb)	Marching Band	4	3	2	1	bb)
CC)	Monogram Club	4	3 .	2	1	cc)
dd)	Oracle (News- paper Staff)	4	3	2	1	dd)
ee)	Photography Club	4	3	2	1	ee)
ff)	Soccer Team	4	3	2	1	ff)
gg)	Sophomore Class Activities	4	3	2	1	gg)
hh)	Spanish Club	4	3	2	1	hh)
ii)	Spirit Week	4	3	2	1	ii)
jj)	Student Advisory Council	4	3	2	1	(jj)
kĸı	Student Council	4	3	2	1	kk)
11)	Swim Team	4	3	2	1	11)
mm)	Tennis Team	4	3	2	1	nm)
nti)	Torch (Yearbook Staff)	4	3	2	1	nn)
00)	TV Production	4	3	2	1	∞)
pp)	V.I.C.A. Club	4	3	2	1	pp)
qq)	Volleyball	4	3	2	1	dd)
rr)	Wrestling Team	4	3	2	1	rr)



(3)

	Others (Which Ones?):						
ss)	(11112011 011001)	4	3	2	1	ss)	
tt)		4	3	2	1	tt)	
1111)		4	3	2	1	1111)	

